

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 17, 20, and 21 have been amended.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,896,530 issued to White (“White”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Final Office Action dated July 5, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated October 19, 2005 rely on White in rejecting each of the listed claims. While not conceding that White is prior art, but instead to present the claims in condition for allowance and expedite prosecution, Applicants have chosen to overcome the Examiner’s rejections by amendments that more clearly distinguish the claims over White. Applicants’ amendments are made without prejudice to Applicants’ right to establish, for example, in a continuing application, that White is not prior to an invention now or hereafter claimed.

Independent Claims 1, 17, 20, and 21: Independent Claims 1, 17, 20, and 21, as amended, each contain a limitation of a form similar to that presented in Claim 1: “deallocating one or more of the first subnet, the first computing device, and the first storage device.” Applicants respectfully submit that White does not provide disclosure of deallocating a first subnet, a first computing device, or a first storage device. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 17, 20 and 21, and all claims dependent thereon

(Claims 2-16 and 18-19), are in condition for allowance and request Examiner's indication of same.

The Advisory Action presents several bases for rejection that were not raised in preceding Office Actions. While Applicants believe that the above claim amendments put the pending claims in condition for allowance, Applicants take this opportunity to respond to the new issues raised in the Advisory Action.

The Advisory Action suggests that a first subnet, such as that claimed in the independent claims, is disclosed by White in Figure 7, items 130, 132, 134, 136 and 138. Similarly, the Advisory Action suggests that a second subnet is disclosed in Figure 7, items 142, 144, 146, and 148. Applicants respectfully submit that the items listed from Figure 7 are not a representation of two subnets as that term is used in the present application. White describes Figure 7 as "a graphical representation of application portability due to the implementation of the depicting cooperating processing." White 11:13-15. Through that description, White makes no suggestion that two subnets are disclosed in Figure 7. Further, there is no disclosure or mention of subnets in the complete discussion of Figure 7 found at White 14:62-15:29. In fact, White discloses Figure 7 as a representation of "two interconnected systems" and not two subnets of systems. Applicants further respectfully submit that items 134, 138, 144, and 146 of Figure 7 are defined in White to be "transactions", which are not elements of a subnet as that term is commonly understood or used in the present Application. For these reasons, and reasons discussed in Applicants' responses to previous Office Actions (Response to Non-Final Office Action, dated March 30, 2005 and Response to Final Office Action, dated August 30, 2005) which are incorporated herein by reference, Applicants respectfully submit that White does not disclose the claimed subnets.

The Advisory Action further posits that White discloses the “allocating” limitations of Claims 1 and references White 15:22-24 as support (“terminal 150 may address DAA environment 148 to invoke transaction 144 which requires information from local database 142 and distributed database 140”). Claim 1 requires allocating a first and second subnet, allocating a first and second computing device coupled to the first and second subnets respectively, and allocating a first and second storage device coupled to the first and second computing devices respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that the section of White relied upon by the Advisory Action does not disclose or anticipate the claimed “allocating” limitations of the independent claims. A terminal addressing a transaction processing system (the DAA) is not “allocating” any of the items claimed. Nor is invoking a transaction the claimed “allocating,” either. For these reasons, and for reasons discussed in responses to previous Office Actions which are incorporated herein by reference, Applicants respectfully that there is no disclosure in White of allocating of the various physical resources as claimed and as disclosed in the present application.

Dependent Claim 7: Dependent Claim 7 contains a limitation of “if said using the configured DCE in the first phase results in an error, re-provisioning a clean environment in the configured DCE during the testing phase.” The Advisory Action cites to White 17:40 (“error and information messages related to the interaction”) as disclosure for this limitation. Applicants respectfully submit that the quoted citation taken in context does not disclose reprovisioning a clean environment in a configured DCE upon an error.

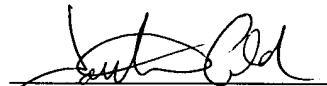
According to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, applications can run in any of several systems and the user may desire to interface with applications involving multiple panels. Therefore, it is imperative that certain attributes be displayed on the user interface panel to identify critical parameters associated with the particular user interaction, such as: ...error and information messages related to the interaction and standard prompting information that reflects actions the user may take from this particular panel.

White 17:29-42 (emphasis added). Taken in context, it is clear that the cited passage relates to displaying error and information messages, not re-provisioning a clean environment in a configured DCE during a testing phase upon an error condition as claimed. For these reasons, and those presented in responses to previous Office Actions, Applicants respectfully submit that White does not disclose all of the limitations of Dependent Claim 7.

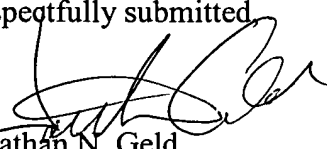
For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request indication of same.

CONCLUSION

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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